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SUBJECT: BURUNDI REFUGEES IN RWANDA

REF: STATE 100157

1. MISOFF DISCUSSED WITH UNHCR CHIEF OF ASSISTANCE JAEGER
QUESTION PROVISION OF SHELTER IN AREA AWAY FROM BORDER FOR
BURUNDI REFUGEES IN RWANDA.

2. JAEGER STATED MATTER IS ONE OF PRINCIPLE RATHER THAN
FINANCES FOR UNHCR. POSITION IS THAT UNHCR REGARDS PROVISION
OF THIS SHELTER TO BE PRIMARILY MEANS OF MEETING SECURITY
PROBLEM RATHER THAN MEETING PURELY HUMANITARIAN ONE.
JAEGER SAID UNHCR HAS REPORT GOR PLANS MOVE ONLY
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ACTIVE MALES AWAY FROM BORDER. WHILE THIS IS STEP WHICH UNHCR CAN READILY UNDERSTAND AND TACITLY APPROVE IN INTERESTS REDUCING TENSIONS IN AREA, UNHCR WOULD PREFER NOT FINANCE SHELTER REQUIRED FOR SUCH PURPOSES SINCE IT NOT REALLY WITHIN UNHCR HUMANITARIAN MANDATE. FOR THIS REASON, UNHCR WOULD WELCOME FINANCING FROM SOME OTHER SOURCE.

3. RE PROVISION POLYETHELENE INSTEAD CANVAS TENTING, JAEGER SAID UNHCR HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE BUT IN VIEW OF URGENCY WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT REQUISITE POLES AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE SOON ENOUGH IN AN AREA HAVING NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH POLYETHELENE SHELTERS.

4. AVAILABILITY OF \$25,000 SPECIAL U. S. CONTRIBUTION MENTIONED BY MISOFF. JAEGER SAID HE FOUND OFFER VERY INTERESTING BUT HE UNABLE STATE THEN HOW FAR THAT SUM WOULD GO TOWARD PROVIDING SHELTER AND WANTED CHECK BEFORE GIVING OFFICIAL RESPONSE WHICH HE EXPECTS GIVE MISSION MAY 28 OR 29.

5. JAEGER REQUESTED UNHCR POSITION OUTLINED ABOVE BE RELAYED TO DEPT. AND LATTER' S REACTION THERETO SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED TO HIM, TO WHICH MISOFF OF COURSE AGREED.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE. BASSIN

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